Principal’s Page

Our Anzac Day ceremony was absolutely superb! Following the ceremony Miss Katrina took time to put pen to paper to provide feedback. I think this just says it all.

I wanted to send my congratulations to all involved in the ANZAC commemoration service. I described the service to my husband, an ex-serviceman, and he was impressed to hear that such care and respect was shown. Here are just a few of the highlights for me:

- The school captains did a remarkable job,
- The Band,
- An amazing Bugle player,
- Mr Hanson and Dale Shuttleworth – fabulous guest speakers
- The Choir (Annie is incredible),
- The acknowledgement of New Zealand (especially the singing of their National Anthem),
- The wreath laying,
- The poem you read (I heard it again at the service in Canberra read by CPL Ben Robert Smith VC), and
- The respect shown by the students.

I was very proud to be a member of the Grovely community.

I’d like to add a special thank you to our guest speakers, Shaun Hanson (a grandfather in our school and recipient of the Order of Australia Medal) and the Hon Dale Shuttleworth. Each address provided students with insights into why as a nation this day is one of the most significant on our calendar.

Congratulations and thank you to……

- Our garden volunteers…….Our school garden looks absolutely superb thanks to the efforts of a small number of our parents and Miss Maree. To all involved, thank you!!!
- Mrs Norman for her brilliant organisation (yet again!) of our Craft Day. Another $1000 raised. Well done!

Kids @work…..

In GPAC tomorrow (Friday 3 May) at 2.00pm a number of students will be sharing some of the materials and methods they use in their daily programs. Parents are invited to come in from 2.00pm to watch students at work and learn a little more about what and how students learn.

Cross Country

Students had a lovely time participating in the school’s cross country recently. Participation rates were extremely high. About sixteen of our students will go on to represent the school at District Cross country on Monday – all the very best to these young people. Thank you to Miss Carruthers for standing in so capably in Mr Green’s absence to organise this event.

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| Term: 2 | Value of the Week: VOW – I own up and learn from others’ “miss”takes. |
| Issue: 2 | Habit of the Week: SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD – I listen to other people’s ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eye when I am talking. |
| 2 May 2013 | |

NAPLAN testing will occur from 14 May to 16 May for all students in years 3, 5 and 7. Our students have been well prepared with a great deal of effort given to minimising anxiety for children and making this an enjoyable and positive experience. Many of our students are really looking forward to them. We seek the support of parents to ensure that students see these tests as simply another school activity. A positive attitude, a great breakfast, arriving at school on time and in good spirits is a great preparation…..really no different from any other day at school!!!!

Pokémon Club

I have been approached by one of our young people about the possibility of having a Pokémon Club at school. Past experience tells us that bringing such items to school presents with problems that inadvertently impact on school operations. However, after discussing this with staff it’s been agreed to trial a club. Jon (Mr Brevitt) has offered to supervise students (Jon claims to have quite an extensive knowledge in this area – he really is full of surprises!) in the second break on Mondays and Fridays. We are hoping to eliminate past problems by being very clear with students about expectations in regard to this.

- Cards can only come to school on Mondays and Fridays.
- Cards must not be taken into classrooms and/or interfere with classroom programs.
- Cards can only be taken out for play in the second break.
- Students are not permitted to trade, and most certainly not sell.
- Students must accept full responsibility for their cards. Teachers will not devote time to sorting out issues of ownership. (In the past, this has presented as a significant and almost impossible challenge.)

It is very important for all students engaging in this club to work collectively to ensure that this is an enjoyable experience for all concerned. Those not participating in a way that supports the spirit of this club will not be able to participate. If issues impact adversely on the work of staff, the club will be disbanded. Staff will clearly explain expectations to students. It would be appreciated greatly if parents could reiterate these expectations at home. Happy playing!!!!!!!!

Secretary’s Day

We have the most amazing admin staff in our school. Yesterday we took the time to thank them. We just love and appreciate their work!

Vicki Baker (Principal)
P&C NEWS

SCHOOL REWARDS 2013 - ARANA HILLS PLAZA

(COLES/KMART SHOPPING CENTRE) 22 April to 2 June.

Reward Points: For every $10 spent in one transaction shoppers will receive 10 SCHOOL REWARDS points. Customers will need to allocate their points to their nominated school by dropping their Rewards Voucher into our school’s collection bin. Rewards Vouchers will be distributed by each store when a purchase is made. (Please ask the Sales Assistant for this voucher)

RECEIPTS submitted (in collection bin) will not be included in the school’s tally. We will have a chance to win a Morning Tea for the entire school and over $2,000 worth of library, music and art supplies. Thank you for your assistance and please let family, friends and neighbours know to place their rewards into GSS.

Mother’s Day Stall - Nicole Lewis is our Co-ordinator for this Fundraiser. 4-5 helpers are required on Thursday 9 May from 9.00am to approx 1.00pm. Please contact Nicole via the office or myself.

Hi Tea Fundraiser - 1.30pm Saturday 1 June, $35pp. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Please contact Julie Smith for tickets or further information on mobile 0422 961 963.

Uniform Shop opens every Thursday from 8.30-9.30am. EFTPOS is available.

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required. Contact Sherine our Tuckshop Convener on mobile 0412 980 113.

Calendar of Events

9/05  Mother’s Day Stall
21/05  P&C General Meeting - 7pm
1/06  Hi Tea Afternoon Fundraiser
18/06  P&C General Meeting

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandcpresident@grovelys.eq.edu.au
Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is here at Grovely State School. To help get your child involved we will have representatives from the Commonwealth Bank visit the school on Tuesday 14 May at 8.30am. Staff will be available to help complete the application form required to open a Youth saver account for your child so they can participate in the School Banking program.

- Please ensure you bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for yourself.
- No identification is required for your child as the school will confirm their identity.
- Siblings are welcome to participate, however you will need to bring along their birth certificate or passport.
- If you can’t make it to school you can visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch with both your and your child’s identification.

SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY THURSDAY – 8.30am outside the staffroom.

This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5.00 for every child $5.00 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit). For more information visit www.commmbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact the office. If you are late to school and the banking ladies aren’t there please check the staffroom.

Don’t forget..... Mother’s Day stall.... Thursday 9 May. A great opportunity for our students to get that special little something for Mum on mothers’ Day!

To all our mums..... Enjoy your special day on 12 May!!!!!! We hope you get spoilt! You deserve it! We’d love to see you at our special morning tea on 10 May.

CHAPLAINS CHAT

Spin Off Stationary Bike Challenge - Fundraising Event

Spin Off is an exciting stationary bike challenge where teams compete against each other see who can ride the most distance and raise the most money. Teams of 10 will ride over a 30 minute period and prizes will be awarded across multiple categories. I am looking for students from years 5, 6, & 7, parents, family members, staff or community members to join in the ride and to gather sponsorship for their efforts.

When: Saturday 18 May
Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Where: Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler Theatre - assistance with transport is available

Why: To raise funds for Chaplaincy at Grovely State School.

Please contact me through the office or email me at clong66@eq.edu.au if you would like to be a part of this event or if you would like to financially sponsor someone in the event.

Mother’s Day Morning Tea

We are holding a Mothers’ Day Morning Tea for all our Mums, Grandmas or significant female role models. It will be held on Friday 10 May at 10.00am in GPAC. There will be a guest speaker, some great food and lucky door prizes. Best of all your children will be able to join you at 11.00am with their own morning tea. We would love to see you there.

Volunteer Training

On Wednesday 8 May at 9.00am we will be holding a volunteers training morning. It is a requirement of all volunteers in our school to attend one of these mornings. We would also like those who have previously done the training in other years to come for a refresher.

Second Hand Jumpers

As the weather starts to get cooler and jumpers/trackpants are needed I may be able to assist with second hand items. Please contact me and I will see if I can help you with the correct size for your child. Email clong66@eq.edu.au, Cathy Longford (Chaplain)

RED CROSS

GROVELY CONNECT PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP – You’re invited to come and have a coffee in a relaxed, friendly environment. Tracey (Red Cross) & Cathy (Chaplain) are running the group which will be held on a monthly basis. You will have a chance to meet other parents at the school and link in with supports in your local community. We will meet in GPAC on Wednesday 15 May at 9.00am “Supporting each other through life and parents”.

HOMEWORK CLUB will be held in Term 2 on Tuesday afternoons 7 May – 18 June from 3.00-4.15pm. In a fun and supported environment, learn how to take the headache out of homework and help your child do the best they can! Afternoon tea provided, RSVP to Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 532 536. A parent/caregiver MUST accompany their child.

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS WORKSHOP will be held on 30 May from 9.15am-2.15pm in GPAC. Morning tea and lunch provided. Come and learn some simple strategies to manage your teenager’s behaviour. RSVP by Tuesday 28 May to Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 358 536.

GROVELY GROWERS

Many thanks to all the families who helped out at the working bee on the weekend. Much work was completed. We rediscovered the frog pond, cleaned up the wilderness area, Lemon and Lemonade trees were pruned and rebedded and one of the Banana Stand s were removed to make way for the new Composting Station. The area near the Prep Playground was tidied for our Sensory Garden and the bottom end had the shrubs removed. Thanks to all from Maria and Tali.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2013**

Well done to all of our Combined Band students who performed very well at our Anzac Day ceremony on Wednesday. A special thank you to Mrs Therese Christiansen, Mrs Sharlene Putt, Mr Jimmy Dodsworth, Mrs Annie Rossouw and Mrs Baker for all of their help on the day.

**DATE CLAIMERS**

Tuesday 30 May and 4 June - Evening band performances for Mrs Hall's students. Stay tuned for more information.

Viva la musica!
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays)
For all string queries please contact Terri Giesen at tpies1@eq.edu.au (Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays)

**BOOK FAIR**

May is the National month of Reading and to celebrate we will be holding our Book Fair for 2013 a little earlier than last year. I will be holding a special evening to come and view the books, make purchases and celebrate reading. To make it even more special it will be a theme event of PJ’s and popcorn. Come wearing your favourite PJ’s and snuggle in to share some stories.

When: Monday 3 June 2013 From: 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Where: Library Theme: PJ’s and Popcorn

You will be able to purchase from the Book Fair from 8.30am Tuesday 4 June and 8.30am Wednesday 5 June as well but the main event will be Monday evening. The proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new resources for our school library so every purchase helps. There will be items for sale from as little as $1 so come see what is available. Lots of new titles in the book line for every age to enjoy.

Therese O’Driscoll, Teacher Librarian

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

15 APRIL – 6 SEPTEMBER

All students should receive their reading record sheet on Monday 6 May. Reading for the challenge can commence when you receive the reading record sheet. You can go to the web site for the suggested booklists or read from a selection of books from school, home or local library. When the reading record sheet is complete give it to the classroom teacher who will enter the details so a certificate can be issued. Happy Reading

Therese O’Driscoll, Teacher Librarian

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY** is on Wednesday 8 May from 2.00pm-6.00pm. Come and have a look, take a tour of the school, meet the friendly staff and grab an enrolment pack and enjoy a FREE sausage sizzle. You may also book enrolment interviews for 2014 on the day. For more information call 3550 1111 Email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au or go to www.mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au

**THE GAP STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY** will be held on Thursday 23 May from 4.00-7.00pm offering school tours, faculty displays, light refreshments and student performances. For more information call 3511 3888 or email admin@thegapshs.eq.edu.au or check out www.thegapshs.eq.edu.au

**RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK** will be held on Sunday 19 May at various locations across Qld. Help to raise vital funds for neglected, homeless and mistreated dogs in Qld. Sign up as a Fundraising Superstar and help give these dogs a second chance. Register on-line today or call 3426 9943 or check out the RSPCA website.

**TRIPLE P (POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM)** Trouble parenting your 2-9 year old child? Parenting now comes with a brief online instruction manual! Researchers from the University of Queensland are offering FREE access to a brief online parenting program for 200 families as part of a research study. The newly developed program is based on the Triple P- Positive Parenting Program and offers simple solutions to common parenting problems like disobedience and aggression. If you are concerned about the behaviour of your 2-9 year old go to https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/solutions TripletSolutions@psy.uq.edu.au or contact the project coordinator on (07) 3365 8870.

**PURE TENNIS ACADEMY:** Mini Tennis Red is for ages 5-7 and held on Tuesday & Wednesday 3.30-4.00pm & 4.00-4.30pm, Saturday 8.00-8.30am, 8.30-9.00am, and 9.00-9.30am. FREE racquet and Hotshots Tennis T-Shirt for all bookings. 5 weeks of coaching for $85 to start on 20 May and run until the end of term. Phone 3851 0444 email proshop@fernlystennis.com.au or check out www.puretennis.com.au

Dave PriceTT Tennis Coaching is held at Grovely State School on Tuesday afternoons 3.00-3.45pm, all standards coached. New beginners receive new racquet FREE. Restrings $30, Grips $10. Call Dave on 3351 4483.

**ANIMAL EMERGENCIES**

- **Acts of cruelty or neglect** - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DPI call centre 3289 3111 or your local police station.
- **Sick or injured stray animals** - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.
- **Wildlife Emergencies** – 1300 264 625, 24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

**Food for thought...**